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Office Action Summary	Application No. 10/598,166	Applicant(s) YANG ET AL.	
	Examiner Ling-Siu Choi	Art Unit 1796	

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Period for Reply

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 20 August 2006.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-6 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-6 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☒ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

1. This Office Action is in response to the Preliminary Amendment filed 08/20/2006. Claim 6 has been added and claims 1-6 are now pending, which are drawn to a preparation method for a solid titanium catalyst for olefin polymerization.

Double Patenting

2. The nonstatutory double patenting rejection is based on a judicially created doctrine grounded in public policy (a policy reflected in the statute) so as to prevent the unjustified or improper timewise extension of the “right to exclude” granted by a patent and to prevent possible harassment by multiple assignees. A nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting rejection is appropriate where the conflicting claims are not identical, but at least one examined application claim is not patentably distinct from the reference claim(s) because the examined application claim is either anticipated by, or would have been obvious over, the reference claim(s). See, e.g., *In re Berg*, 140 F.3d 1428, 46 USPQ2d 1226 (Fed. Cir. 1998); *In re Goodman*, 11 F.3d 1046, 29 USPQ2d 2010 (Fed. Cir. 1993); *In re Longi*, 759 F.2d 887, 225 USPQ 645 (Fed. Cir. 1985); *In re Van Ornum*, 686 F.2d 937, 214 USPQ 761 (CCPA 1982); *In re Vogel*, 422 F.2d 438, 164 USPQ 619 (CCPA 1970); and *In re Thorington*, 418 F.2d 528, 163 USPQ 644 (CCPA 1969).

A timely filed terminal disclaimer in compliance with 37 CFR 1.321(c) or 1.321(d) may be used to overcome an actual or provisional rejection based on a nonstatutory double patenting ground provided the conflicting application or patent either is shown to be commonly owned with this application, or claims an invention made as a result of activities undertaken within the scope of a joint research agreement.

Effective January 1, 1994, a registered attorney or agent of record may sign a terminal disclaimer. A terminal disclaimer signed by the assignee must fully comply with 37 CFR 3.73(b).

3. Claim 1 is rejected on the ground of nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claim 1 of U.S. Patent No. 7,151,071 B2.

Although the conflicting claims are not identical, they are not patentably distinct from

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each other because the scope of instant claim 1 is overlapped with the scope of claim 1 of U.S. Patent No. 7,151,071 B2.

Claim Objections

4. Claims 1-6 are objected to because of the following informalities: (A) claim 1, line 6, "in which R is an a (4-a) alkyl group" is suggested to be changed to --in which R is an alkyl group--; (B) claim 1, line 7, "solutionat" is suggested to be changed to --solution at--; and (C) claims 2-6, line 2, "characterized in that" is suggested to be changed to --wherein--.

Appropriate correction is required.

Claim Analysis

5. Summary of Claim 1:

A preparation method for a solid titanium catalyst for olefin polymerization, which comprises the steps of:	
1	preparing a magnesium compound solution by dissolving a magnesium halide compound into a mixed solvent of a cyclic ether and one or more of alcohol;
2	preparing a carrier by adding firstly a titanium halide compound having a general formula of $\text{Ti}(\text{OR})_a\text{X}_{(4-a)}$, in which R is an alkyl group having 1-10 carbon atoms, X is a halogen atom and a is an integer of 0-3, to the magnesium compound solution at

	-10-30°C, elevating the temperature of the resulted solution or aging it, and then thereto adding secondly the titanium halide compound additionally;
3	preparing a titanium catalyst by reacting the carrier with a titanium compound and an electron donor; and
4	washing the titanium catalyst with hydrocarbon solvent at 40-200°C

Claim Rejections -35 USC § 102

6. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

7. Claims 1-6 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Yang et al. (US 6,034,025).

Yang et al. disclose a method to prepare a solid titanium catalyst for olefin, comprising (A) producing a magnesium compound solution by dissolving a magnesium halide compound in a mixture of a cyclic ether and at least two different alcohols to form an intermediate solution and adding an organosilane compound to the intermediate solution to form the magnesium compound solution; (B) precipitating solid components by reacting the magnesium compound solution with a titanium halide compound; and (C) reacting the precipitated solid components with a titanium compound and an electron donor, wherein

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the molar ratio of the cyclic ether and the alcohol is between 1:0.05 to 1:0.95; the cyclic ether includes 2-methyl tetrahydrofuran (col. 3, lines 57 and 62-63; claim 1). Attention is drawn to Example 1, wherein the solid titanium complex catalyst is obtained by the steps comprising step (A) Production of the Magnesium Compound Solution – adding 30 ml of tetrahydrofuran, 28 ml of butanol and 0.4 ml of methanol to a mixture of 15 g of MgCl_2 and 450 ml of toluene to form a homogeneous magnesium solution; (B) Production of the Solid Components - adding 20 ml of TiCl_4 to the magnesium solution to form a solid components; (C) Production of the Catalyst - adding 100 ml of toluene and 100 ml of TiCl_4 to the previously produced solid components at 15-35°C, followed by adding 100 ml of toluene, 100 ml of TiCl_4 , and 2.9 ml of diisobutyl phthalate to form a catalyst at 70°C; washing the catalyst five times with refined hexane; and then drying the catalyst. Since the catalyst is formed at 70°C, the washing temperature is usually around the reaction temperature in order to effectively remove the unreacted components. Thus, the present claims are anticipated by the disclosure of Yang et al.

Conclusion

8. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Ling-Siu Choi whose telephone number is 571-272-1098. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday to Friday.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, David Wu can be reached on 571-272-1114. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

/Ling-Siu Choi/

Primary Examiner, Art Unit 1796

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